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Date 7/13/87

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTN: SA [REDACTED] ROOM 3865)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (86A-105)(RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS.  
 ALLEGATIONS OF THE IMPROPER AWARDED  
 OF AN 8A CONTRACT TO BAY CITY  
 MARINE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA  
 FAG - SBA  
 (OO: SAN DIEGO)

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Re Bureau airtel to Mobile and San Diego dated 6/29/87;  
 telcal from Mobile to SA [REDACTED] Room 3865, 7/10/87.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of an FD-302  
 reflecting interview of [REDACTED] on 7/9/87, along  
 with envelope containing copies of documents provided by [REDACTED]  
 as described in enclosed FD-302.

Enclosed for San Diego is the original and one copy  
 of FD-302 reflecting interview of [REDACTED] on 7/9/87,  
 along with two separate 1A envelopes containing copies of  
 documents provided by [REDACTED] and Agent's original notes.

[REDACTED] NEW AMERICA  
 SHIPBUILDERS, INC. [REDACTED]  
 were present throughout the interview and concur with the  
 story provided by [REDACTED]

2 - Bureau (Enc.3)  
 ② - San Diego (Enc.4) UB  
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Approved: SEARCHED MAN [REDACTED] Transmitted

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The essence of [ ] allegation is that IRVING I. REFKIN, formerly Executive Vice President of BAY CITY MARINE, San Diego, California, used his "connections" and influence with Attorney General MEESE and JAMES C. SANDERS, Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), to wrongfully interfere and prevent New America Shipbuilders from obtaining a \$2.5 million contract with the U.S. Coast Guard to construct three aids to navigation boats.

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[ ] had no specific or direct evidence of REFKIN wrongfully interfering or conspiring with the Attorney General or others concerning this matter. Despite explanations provided by various SBA officials, it remains a mystery to the principals of NEW AMERICA SHIPBUILDERS as to why and how they really lost the contract. [ ] believes REFKIN was motivated to so act as his company, BAY CITY MARINE, had been the sole 8(a) certified shipbuilder prior to the certification of NEW AMERICA SHIPBUILDERS in October, 1983, and thus desired to remove its new competitor.

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It should be noted that the contract lost by NEW AMERICA SHIPBUILDERS was not issued to REFKIN's company, which had also put in for it with the SBA. Apparently due to the protests of [ ] and his associates to various Governmental officials, the Coast Guard eventually removed the contract from the 8(a) set aside program for open and competitive bidding.

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[ ] and his associates possess considerable more documentation concerning their efforts and dealings to obtain the Coast Guard contract. They also expressed a willingness to assist and cooperate with the FBI in any further investigation concerning this matter.

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As all appropriate investigation has been completed by Mobile Division at this time, this case is being placed in RUC status.